

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An electrical cord securing device comprising:  
5 a replacement outlet cover;  
a plug retainer that surrounds at least a portion of an electrical cord where the  
plug retainer is installed in the replacement outlet cover by pushing the plug  
retainer into the replacement outlet cover.
2. The replacement outlet component from claim 1 where the replacement outlet  
10 component has holes placed on opposing sides of each outlet.
3. The holes in the replacement outlet cover from claim 2, further includes a louver  
tab to prevent objects from being placed through the inside of the holes.
4. The holes from claim 2 where the holes are rectangular.
5. The electrical cord securing device from claim 1 further includes a raised area  
15 located on the back side of the holes that require the user to press the plug  
retainer into the outlet before the power cord retaining device can be  
removed.
6. The power cord retaining device from claim 1, wherein the plug retainer has tabs  
located on the sides of the power cord-retaining device.
- 20 7. The tabs from 6, where the tabs are rectangular.
8. The tabs from claim 7 include detents that require the user to press the sides of the  
plug retainer down and inward to release the plug retainer from the  
replacement outlet cover.
9. The plug retainer from claim 1 where the plug retainer includes a slot where a

power cord can be placed through the slot.

10. The slot in claim 9 where the slot is capable of retaining the power cord.

11. The tabs from claim 6 where the tabs are shaped such that when the plug retainer cannot be collapsed.

5 12. The tabs from claim 6 further include raised, lowered or textured surface located on the sides of the tabs.

13. The power cord-retaining device from claim 6 further includes at least one spacer that can be used to further secure the power cord within the power cord-retaining component.

10 14. A method of retaining an electrical cord in an electrical outlet, the method comprising:  
  
placing an electrical cord through a slot in a plug retainer;  
  
inserting the plug into an electrical outlet;  
  
pressing the plug retainer into a replacement electrical outlet cover until tabs  
15 located on at least one side of the plug retainer spread and lock into the replacement outlet cover.

15. The method of claim 14 further includes that the removal of the plug retainer from the electrical outlet cover requires the user first press the plug retainer into the electrical outlet cover then depress at least one tab before removing the  
20 plug retainer.

16. The method from claim 14 further includes use of a spacer to fill improve retention of the plug in an electrical outlet.

17. An outlet cover for an electrical outlet cover comprising:

a concave shaped cover that covers the entire electrical outlet and electrical outlet cover; and

at least one tab that is perpendicular to the top of the cover that engages in at least one hole in an electrical outlet cover.

5        18.    The concave shaped cover in claim 17 wherein the concave shaped cover includes at least one depression to assist in removal of the concave shaped cover.

19.    The perpendicular tab from claim 17 wherein the tab includes a hook to further improve retention of the concave shaped cover in the electrical outlet cover.

10       20.    The concave shaped cover from claim 17 wherein the concave shaped cover includes at least two tabs that are perpendicular to the top of the cover wherein a first tab locates the cover onto the electrical outlet cover, and a second includes a hook to retain the concave shaped cover in the electrical outlet cover.

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